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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I'd like to say that I feel that the Proposed Final Judgment conditions of this case are too weak and to specific and that they will allow microsoft to continue to bully and threaten others in the OS and software business. To weak, in the lack of any listed punishments for violation, or ways in which they(the proposed restrictions) will be enforced. Too specific in that it still leaves loopholes open by which microsoft will still be able to NOT release information that would allows competitor to freely compete. Further more, microsoft continues, (even during the anti-trust hearings) to sue, and bully competitors who should be protected by this settlement. The proposed settlement would let microsoft off easy and allow them to continue to threaten others in ways the are not always clear. In some case the very threat of MS is enough to bring down competitors. I feel that the proposed settlement does not go far enough and should be rewritten to include future OS, software, and prevent MS in any way, shape, or form from preventing others from competing.

P.S. make sure to avoid logical flaws(ex. requirements that others must meet but that MS may change at any time)

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